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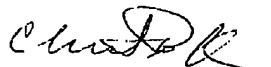
RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the claims of Group II, namely, Claims 9-12 and 14-20 and authorizes the Examiner to cancel the non-elected Claims 1-8 & 13 without prejudice, subject to the reconsideration requested below. However, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional or other application(s) on the subject matter(s) thereof.

Applicant also traverses the requirement because the subject matters of the two groups of claims are so closely related, with Claims 9-12 being dependent directly on one or more the claims of Group I, and with each group of claims calling for substantially the same field of search or at least substantially over-lapping search fields. Accordingly, reconsideration of the requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted:



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